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GRANTS INTERVIEW IN BERLIN

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BERLIN, May 26 (via London, May 27).—United States Ambassador James Gerard is convinced that peace is in sight, according to an interview published in a Munich newspaper today from its Berlin correspondent. Mr. Gerard is quoted as saying:

"Nothing can shake my confidence that peace is on its way."
The ambassador referred to the settlement of the differences of the United States and Germany as preparing the way for President Wilson to take up the question of peace. "President Wilson," he said, "has much greater freedom of action now to deal with the immense world problem which will determine the future attitude of nearly all the countries of the globe."

"It is useless to discuss at this moment the question as to whether President Wilson's intermediation is desirable or probable. In this instance facts alone must speak—and one of the most important facts is that the neutrals are probably as much interested in bringing about an early peace as the belligerents. America urgently needs peace, and for this reason alone the American government is under an obligation to its citizens to do and support everything that serves the cause of peace. A fact of chief importance is that my government is really willing to take action for the promotion of peace."

OPTIMISTIC REGARDING PROGRESS ALREADY MADE

"I am very optimistic regarding the progress already made of the idea that the war should be ended, even among belligerent nations. The wise and moderate words of the German Chancellor regarding Germany's readiness to make peace had probably their strongest echo in America, and strengthened the impression that Germany will take all further steps calmly and with confidence."

"When another step will be taken and what shape the further development of the peace idea will take is not clear. At any rate, I am convinced that my government will leave nothing undone to support with all its power peace movements from whatever side they come. Even although weeks or months may elapse before the thought takes tangible form, nothing can shake my confidence that peace is on its way."

Referring to the recent crisis in German-American relations, the ambassador said:

"I hardly know from what quarter the present good relations between the United States and Germany could be disturbed. The establishment of good relations with Germany is one of the most important factors of the diplomatic situation now confronting the United States."

DR. CALISCH REVIEWS YEARS AT BETH ABABAH

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Leon Nelson warned the congregation against resting on their oars, thinking only of the achievements of the past, and suggested that, with the joy of the occasion, there might be appropriately mingled regret for what it had failed to do during a period of great progress.

BLAMES MODERN LIFE FOR LACK OF ZEAL

American Judaism, said Mr. Nelson, has made wonderful progress in the last seventy-five years, its adherents advancing from divided, quarrelsome factions, with small synagogues in which to worship, to a people imbued with a common purpose, living in amity among themselves and with the world and worshipping in temples of marvelous beauty. Especially has this been true in Richmond, he said, under the leadership of a man whose broad human sympathy and zeal in the cause of humanity, without regard to faith or race, have made him a leader worthy of the best traditions of the ancient people of Israel.

But the Jew of an earlier period in American history, said Mr. Nelson, had a racial characteristic that is all too rare with the Jew of the present day, and, until he returns to the instincts of his father, he cannot hope to obtain the full fruitage of all that is best in Jewish life. The Jew of today, he said, lacks zeal and the communal spirit that distinguished his predecessors. Modern conditions, he said, are much to blame, but the Jew would do

well to think seriously of this phase of his life and live it as much as possible after the fashion of the ancient people of Israel.

**ALL SHOULD MEET
ON THE SAME PLANE**
Despite the marvelous growth of Beth Ababah and the ever-widening circle of its influence and its continual reaching out after the things that are best and in keeping with the spirit of an enlightened age, there are still some glaring defects, said Mr. Nelson, that must be mended if the church is to make that progress in the future to which its record of glorious achievement in the past entitles it.

"We are not democratic enough," said Mr. Nelson. "For instance, seats in this temple, where we should all meet on a basis of perfect equality for the worship of God, are apportioned according to contributions for church purposes. They are allotted like seats in a theater. The man who can buy a season ticket gets a good seat for the season, but the poor man who cannot afford it is made to sit far back to the rear or is relegated to the gallery. This keeps many good people who are religiously inclined out of the temple, and keeps the rest of us from coming in contact with those whose beauty of life would be at once a pleasure and an inspiration and a pleasure."

YEARS ARE FRUITFUL OF NOBLE EFFORT

Dr. Calisch spoke, in part, as follows:
"Twenty-five years ago, when I began my ministry among you, I chose for the text of my inaugural sermon that familiar passage from the prophet Malachi (ii. 7) 'for the lips of the priest shall keep knowledge, and the law shall they seek from his mouth, for he is a messenger of the God of hosts.' I gave this to you then as the ideal toward which I would strive in my work among you, in my relations with you. How far I have approached the realization of this ideal in these five and twenty years of my labors among you, it is not for me to say. Perhaps it cannot be definitely stated by any one, for the work of the spirit is not always open to the eye of our human vision, and the seeds sown in its fields bear fruitage oft unseen and unknown by us."

"But if it be permitted to measure by the standards of such knowledge as is given us, I feel that I may say with all modesty, yet with a certain pride, that these years have been fruitful in noble effort and rich in a splendid progress for Beth Ababah. To speak of things tangible and material, the congregation has more than doubled itself in size during this period. The congregation responded generously to the demands of this necessity, and built this magnificent temple, which now, in so far as its original cost is concerned, stands free of debt, as a monument to the loyalty and devotion of its members."

BETH ABABAH FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

"Again, as far as outward things may be a gauge of the progress of the spirit, Beth Ababah has marched with its sister congregations along the lines of an advancing and progressive Judaism. Twenty-five years ago the members of the congregation worshipped with covered heads, and with a semi-orthodox ritual. To-day we worship the God of our fathers in the hope and vision of our fathers, but with accessories and atmosphere that are in keeping with the spirit of an enlightened age and country. We have changed our ritual and the hours and manner of our service. We have not changed, I hope, the loyalty and the fervor of the olden days. We have helped the congregation by giving the women of Israel more and more place in the activities of congregational life. I feel that, in accord with this spirit of progress, we shall be ready to make such further changes as shall contribute to the material and spiritual growth of Beth Ababah. We cannot stand still. 'He who does not go forward, goes backward,' said an ancient and honored teacher in Israel. We do not know what the coming five and twenty years may bring us, but we can be assured that if we meet the coming years as we have those given and gone, in a spirit of loving loyalty, of unselfish and ungrudging devotion, in a spirit of brotherly feeling and communal responsibility that works for the common good above the preferences of personal pride or individual opinion, we need have no fear for the future of Beth Ababah. Secure in the achievement of the past, justly proud of this 'house of love' that we have built both materially and spiritually, let us look to the future in the confident hope that the 'glory of the second'

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house shall be greater even than that of the former."

**HAD TO PAY PENALTY
WITH PASSING YEARS**
"But the true life of a congregation is not held within the measure of things tangible and material. There are certain things that cannot be weighed or measured or counted in the terms of our daily usage. In turning to speak of these things, I find that though my heart and my mind are crowded with feeling and thought, yet my words come haltingly and my tongue is heavy of speech. It is most true that the quarter-century has brought us an enriched and a larger life, has spelled for us increasing power and progress. Yet it has not been without cost. We have had to pay the penalties of the passing years."

"My life has been most intimately bound up with yours. I have shared with you your joys and your sorrows, and stood with you at the cradle, the altar and the grave. Likewise, the congregation has been most kind to me. It has done many things to give pleasure to me and to my dear ones, and I shall never forget the tender and exquisite sympathy and helpfulness you gave me when I walked in the valley of the shadow."
Turning to the future, Dr. Calisch said that the brightest of prospects lay before the congregation, but that they would be realized only as the congregation itself made use of the opportunities offered. He said that friends had been good enough to tell him that the feeling of friendship and brotherhood had been helped by his work here in the city, and he felt confident that the congregation would, in the future, as it had in the past, stand with him in the effort to promote the greater recognition of the common brotherhood of men, and the common fatherhood of God.

The exercises incident to the seventy-fifth anniversary of the organization of the congregation and the twenty-fifth of the rabbinite of Dr. Calisch will close to-night with addresses by Rabbi Abram Simon, of Washington, and Rabbi Louis Wolsey, of Cleveland, O., the one speaking on "The Jew in America," and the other on "The American Rabbinite." A few introductory remarks will also be made by Charles Hutzler, president of the congregation. The exercises will begin in Beth Ababah Temple at 8 o'clock and the general public is especially invited to attend.

JAMES RETIRES, LEAVING FIELD TO CARTER GLASS

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meeting will be called upon to decide, not a single issue is in the offing that need cause any one concern. It is a foregone conclusion that the convention will without division endorse President Wilson, and it is almost equally certain that it will approve en bloc all of the administration's policies. There may be a little division when it comes to adopting resolutions, but even here no serious differences are expected.

Nowhere was the end of the factional war welcomed as genuinely as it was in Richmond. Here was a delegation of sixty-two delegates—the controlling body in the district—torn between their duty to the organization, to which most of them professed allegiance and their duty to their constituents, a majority of whom, it was believed, championed the cause of Carter Glass. So pronounced had the issue become in recent days that the streets were full of talk of a mass-meeting to ascertain the sentiment of the community.

CONFERENCE AT CAPITOL PUTS END TO FIGHT

In other cities of the State delegates found themselves in the same quandary. Portsmouth had taken the lead by calling a mass-meeting for to-morrow night for the purpose of ascertaining the public will. There were indications that similar meetings would be held in other sections of the State. It was clear that the people of Virginia were sharply divided in their sentiments, and that a bitter contest at Roanoke could not be averted. Furthermore, it was not altogether certain that the organization would triumph, and even if it did, there would survive wounds which would not heal for a decade.

This was the outlook when Lieutenant-Governor Evelyn Byrd, Senator Swanson and Representative Flood repaired to a room in the Capitol at Washington to take counsel together. That was on Thursday. They came to the conclusion that Virginia's Democracy had nothing to gain and much to lose by prolonging the family quarrel, and took immediate steps to bring about a reconciliation.

On Friday, responding to the request

of the peace conference, Mr. James came to Washington. Mr. Ellyson had returned to Richmond and did not take part in the second conference. At this meeting the organization leaders succeeded in convincing Mr. James that his duty to the party counseled the laying aside of his present ambition, and the Danville man left with the assurance that he would shortly issue from his home a statement announcing his withdrawal from the race for national committee. The statement followed last night.

"I WAS NOT CONSULTED," DECLARES THE GOVERNOR

Whether the Peace of Washington will be a lasting peace remains to be seen. It appears at least to be an armistice that will endure until the gubernatorial contest next year again raises the factional issue.

The retirement of Mr. James was the absorbing topic at the Capitol, and in every place where politicians gathered. Governor Stuart made the following statement: "The information comes as a surprise to me, as I was not consulted. Anything tending to promote party harmony on fair terms is always to be desired."

"The withdrawal of my friend, Mr. James," said Richard Evelyn Byrd, former Speaker of the House of Delegates, "is a very fine and magnanimous political act. Nothing could have happened which could add more to the solidarity of the Democratic party in Virginia. The united Democracy of

Virginia will not forget Mr. James. It is not necessary for me to express my great admiration for the ability and service of Mr. Glass."

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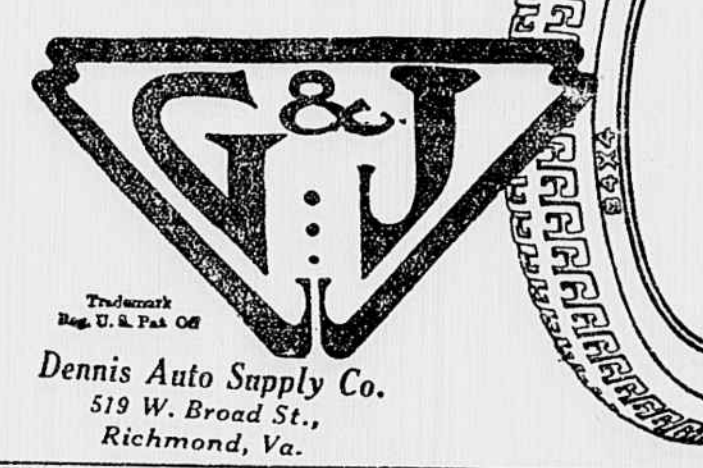
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